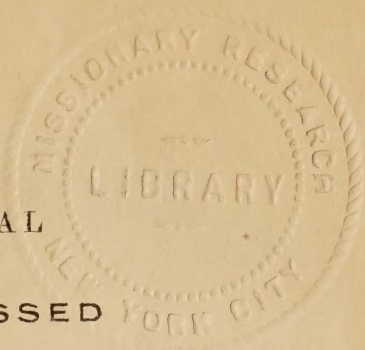


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ADDRESSED
TO
THE BOARDS OF DIRECTORS
OF
FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETIES
IN
EUROPE AND AMERICA
BY
THE MEMBERS AND SYMPATHISERS
OF
THE NATIONAL CHURCH OF INDIA.

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CHRISTIAN love, and the zeal and generosity of the people of Europe and America have enabled by God's blessing and under your direction, the establishment of Missions in heathen lands for the propagation of the Gospel and the founding, and extension of Christ's kingdom in these parts. In India, the southern extremity of its peninsula was the earlier and the most successful portion which came under the beneficial influence of the evangelizing efforts of Missionaries. But the increase of Churches of various denominations in this land is daily proving itself, and has actually become a stumbling block to the extension of Christ's kingdom in this "land of surprises, a land of contrasts and contradictions, of paradoxes and incongruities, of inconsistencies and anomalies."

2. Being convinced that sectarian Christianity of the West is thoroughly unsuited to the religious instincts of the people of the East, a movement has been set afoot with the object of bringing about the formation of an indigenous Church on non-sectarian

principles under the designation of the National Church of India. At the commencement seven years ago it shewed every sign of success and Mr. Solomon Nadar, B. A., B. L., one of the speakers at its second anniversary, observed in his address, that "one thing it has succeeded in doing *viz.*, it has proved beyond the shadow of a doubt that a Church can exist in South India without the aid of European funds and European supervision." But unfortunately this movement, which was gaining ground, has been tampered with by interested parties, and it is daily becoming apparent that the greatest drawback to its success is chiefly due to the fact that the majority of Native Christians are dependent on their respective Missions for their livelihood and support.

3. The non-Christian people of this land are daily growing into a belief that these Christian Mission institutions are sought by the converts for the worldly benefits that may be derived from them, and the more intelligent Hindus, though convinced of the truths of Christianity many of them being Christians at heart, naturally shrink from joining these institutions fearing that they may also fall under that category.

4. Again, the Agents employed by the Mission Societies are often known to leave one Society for another on being tempted by the offer of a higher salary. This is brought forward as a positive proof of a mercenary motive by those unfavorably disposed towards the efforts of Christian Evangelists and Missionaries.

5. It would therefore be beneficial to India if Christianity could be nurtured here on non-sectarian principles instead of perpetuating and enforcing the denominational distinctions of the West as heretofore. To bring about a National Church, the simultaneous union of all Christian sects existing as such at the present time, in India, should be effected. This will prevent our critics from viewing our movement as being another additional sect, in this land.

6. All Educational Institutions, Zenana Missions and Evangelizing Agencies may continue their work as hitherto under the control and support of their respective societies. All we ask for is that the Christians of this land may be permitted to worship together without any denominational distinctions, and that Missionaries and Native Ministers may also be permitted to unite with them in worship as well as conduct divine services in places of worship for which purpose the present Churches and Chapels should be kindly permitted to be utilised.

7. We further ask that all those now in the Mission service may be retained by their respective societies for purely Evangelistic work, and, this will avert the calamity that will otherwise follow from depriving a great many persons who are entirely dependent on their respective Missions for their means of support.

8. The people of Europe and America have by Christian zeal and love introduced the Gospel of Peace into this part of the world, and, it will redound to their credit and honor, if they facilitate the

formation of an indigenous Church in India, by giving their efforts a permanency by which they will be leaving an everlasting monument of their victorious labour and magnanimity in this land, to the honor and glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We the undersigned members and sympathisers of the National Church of India most hopefully request that our representations may be received and viewed by the several Mission Societies of Europe and America in a kindly Christian spirit and that our request may be granted by their issuing orders to their Agents in India to lend us the help asked for in forming the indigenous Church now under consideration.

For which act of kindness and Christian love we shall, as in duty bound, ever pray.

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